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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q75927

Ryuichi MORISHITA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/615,292

Group Art Unit: 1636

Confirmation No.: 7040

Examiner: Robert M. Kelly

Filed: July 9, 2003

For: MEDICAMENT COMPRISING HGF GENE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated December 30, 2005, the Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to distinct species.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner believes claim 7 is generic.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect the restenosis-causing condition of myocardial infarction, without traverse.

Applicant was also advised that a response to this requirement must include a listing of all claims readable on the elected species.

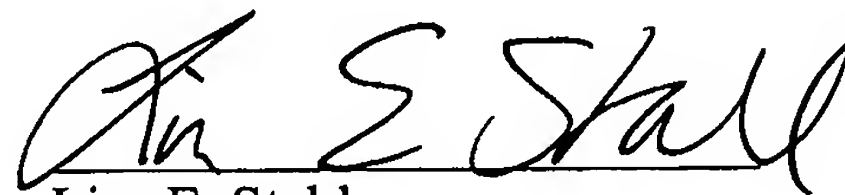
Applicants note that claims 7, 8, and 9 are readable on the elected species.

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